

# Neighborhood News

City of Bellevue

News for and about Bellevue Neighborhoods

May 2010

**Don't miss out on this!**

## **Chipotle, Coca Cola and Mariners step up to the plate for neighborhoods**

**B**ite in to *free* Burritos-by-the-Box, guacamole and chips at your neighborhood block party. Just get a Neighbor Link project started and you're on your way to a real Mexican feast! All neighborhood associations or groups of interested neighbors are invited to take on a community service or community building project and qualify for a free Party-in-a-Box. Your party package may also include a banner, games, decorations and entertainment.

In addition, on Sept. 11 – now designated as the National Day of Service – the City will sponsor a free picnic and concert to recognize all the neighborhood projects completed this summer. In support of service in the local community, picnic fare will be donated by Chipotle Mexican Grill and beverages will be donated by Coca Cola. The event will include musical entertainment, recognition of community service projects by the Bellevue City Council, and prizes for innovative projects. Prizes include a “Neighborhood Night at the Seattle Mariners” for some lucky neighborhood.



For more information on setting up a Neighbor Link project, reserving a Party-in-a-Box for your neighborhood or to request a Neighbor link award application, contact Julie Ellenhorn in Neighborhood Outreach at 425-452-5372 or [jellenhorn@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:jellenhorn@bellevuewa.gov).

## **Neighborhood art projects take shape in Newport Hills, Bridle Trails**

Whether bursting on the scene or quietly emerging, art is finding its place from north to south in Bellevue neighborhoods. Residents at both ends of the city are working with professional artist Bruce Myers and city arts staff to create neighborhood art projects for Bridle Trails, Newport Hills and Lake Heights. And this summer, Downtown residents will be surrounded with art works displayed as part of the 10th annual Bellevue Sculpture Exhibition, **Bellwether 2010: Art Walk Bellevue**.

In Bridle Trails, a citizen art panel has selected an equestrian theme. Myers worked with residents to develop a concept for art at three locations in the neighborhood, incorporating split boulders engraved with horse imagery, stone benches and possibly other forms using stone. The next step is to develop the concept into a full design and display it in the neighborhood for comment.

On May 6, Myers will meet with the Newport Hills and Lake Heights community to present concepts for public art at four sites along 119th Avenue SE, including two bus shelters and two corners (SE 60th and SE 56th at 119th Avenue SE). The public is welcome to attend that meeting, scheduled for 7 p.m. in the Newport Heights Elementary School Library, 225 119th Ave. SE.



**Bruce Myers work, Federal Way Community Center.**

This summer **Bellwether 2010: Art Walk Bellevue** is expanding to include three visual arts installations along a three-quarter-mile route through the heart of downtown. The exhibition's theme will focus on sustainability and a future, permanent art walk. In true bellwether style, the temporary art walk will start to trace the future walk's route connecting City Hall with the waterfront.

For more information contact Mary Pat Byrne, Arts Specialist, 425-452-4105 or [mpbyrne@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:mpbyrne@bellevuewa.gov).

## **Comment on Factoria Transfer Station replacement**

King County invites residents to learn more about plans to replace the 7.8-acre Factoria Transfer Station at a May 12 public meeting, scheduled 6-8:30 p.m. at East Shore Unitarian Church, 12700 SE 32nd St.

Serving as Bellevue's transfer station since it was built in the mid-1960s, the Factoria facility is in need of replacement for several reasons:

- To meet current building and environmental standards;
- To improve safety and operational efficiencies;
- To provide additional recycling opportunities, including separated organics collection; and
- To accommodate projected growth in the region.

Plans call for the current Factoria Transfer Station to be redeveloped on-site, at 13800 SE 32<sup>nd</sup> St. The first step is formulation of a master plan to be presented to the King County Council in late 2010. Environmental review, land use permitting, design, and contract procurement is expected to last through 2012, with construction scheduled to begin mid 2013. The new station is projected to open in early 2015.

The May 12 meeting will include an open house from 6 to 7 p.m., followed by a formal presentation and time for questions from 7 to 8:30 p.m. For more information, click on <http://www.kingcounty.gov/solidwaste> or contact Polly Young, 206-296-8450.

## **Neighborhoods can clean up, shape up for spring**

Are you thinking that your neighborhood needs a little TLC? Maybe residents need to pick up tree debris, trim bushes protruding into walkways, or pull weeds in the traffic island? Or maybe neighbors need to lend a hand to elderly residents who have a hard time maintaining their yards?

Neighborhood Outreach staff can help you plan activities to improve the appearance of your neighborhood. Call for help with:

- Community garage sales
- Appliance pick-ups
- Charity drives
- Neighborhood clean-ups.

**New recycling service available – 1 Green Planet**, a new non-profit organization, now offers free recycling of major appliances, electronics, scrap metal, machinery, batteries and other items. Free pick-up also can be arranged. Contact 425-996-3513 or [info@1greenplanet.org](mailto:info@1greenplanet.org) for more information.

Don't hesitate to call for ideas, advice, help with implementation – or even matching grants to help with your clean-up or beautification project. Contact Patricia Knight, 425-452-7917.

## **You can still be counted**

Seventy-four percent of Bellevue's households had mailed in their Census forms as of April 28 – meaning 26 percent of households are not yet included in the official count. Residents who simply forgot to mail in their forms can still phone in their responses at 1-866-872-6868. Those households that don't respond can expect a Census enumerator to knock on their door sometime after May 1. To confirm identity, residents may ask for identification or call the local Census office at 425-908-3000 to confirm the person's employment. A census enumerator will NEVER, under any circumstances, ask to enter someone's home.

## Newport Way Library to close this month

The Newport Way Library will be closed for renovations and improvements beginning Monday, May 3, for 8-12 months. During the closure, holds will be transferred automatically to a temporary pickup location at Factoria Square Mall. Beginning May 5, the Factoria location will be open 10 a.m.-8:30 p.m. Monday – Saturday and 11 a.m.- 6 p.m. Sunday.

## Want to get involved in elections?

The 2010 Primary Election season is almost here and the Municipal League of King County is now accepting applications for Bellevue citizen volunteers interested in becoming new election Candidate Investigators.

Candidate Investigators conduct background research and in-person interviews of election candidates and contribute to development of the Municipal League's independent, non-partisan ratings tool widely used by citizens to make informed voting decisions. This year the League will be forming six regional committees. A Bellevue based committee will focus on candidates running for election in East King County districts and municipalities. To learn more about becoming a Candidate Investigator, or to download or fill out an online application form, please visit [www.munileague.org](http://www.munileague.org).

Applications are due May 28 and should be emailed to [cec@munileague.org](mailto:cec@munileague.org), faxed to 425-671-0506, or mailed to Municipal League CEC Program, 810 Third Ave., Ste 224, Seattle, WA 98104. To find out more about the process and meet other people interested in elections and civic engagement, you are invited to attend a free local pizza party and info event at 6 p.m. May 6 at Purple Wine Bar, 430 106<sup>th</sup> Ave. NE.

## May meetings

*(All meetings are in City Hall unless otherwise noted. Agendas are subject to change. You may confirm with Neighborhood Outreach the day before or day of the meeting. Or consult the city web pages listed below to download agendas.)*

**5/3 City Council** (6:00 study session, Council Conference Room) Briefing on Traffic Computer System upgrade, East Link update and analysis (8:00 regular session, Council Chambers) National Older Americans Month Proclamation, Public Service Recognition Proclamation, stormwater facilities for Neighborhood Revitalization, Consent Calendar, consideration of Kelsey Creek Rezone, ratification of 2031 Housing and Employment Growth Target Amendments, King County Jail Interlocal Agreement [http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council\\_overview.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council_overview.htm)

**5/4 Arts Commission** (4:00, 1E-109) Arts budget proposal for 2011-2012 discussion, Sculpture Exhibition update, officer elections and regular commission business [http://www.bellevuewa.gov/arts\\_comm.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/arts_comm.htm)

**5/4 East Bellevue Community Council** (6:30, Lake Hills Clubhouse, 15230 Lake Hills Blvd) Public hearing on the rezone application for Kelsey Creek Center and two courtesy hearings related to Land Use Code Amendments [http://www.bellevuewa.gov/EBCC\\_Homepage.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/EBCC_Homepage.htm)

**5/6 Environmental Services Commission** (6:30, 1E-112) Washington Water/Wastewater Agency Response Network (WARN) mutual aid opportunity, 2009 year-end budget update, 2011-2012 early outlook forecast, review of Budget One process [http://www.bellevuewa.gov/enviro\\_serv\\_comm.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/enviro_serv_comm.htm)

**5/6 Bellevue Network on Aging** (8:30 a.m., 1E-112) Emory Baldwin, Architect- Universal Design Presentation, committee reports [http://www.bellevuewa.gov/network\\_on\\_aging.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/network_on_aging.htm)

**5/6 Newport Hills/Lake Heights Community Art meeting** (7:00, Newport Heights Elementary School Library, 5225 119th Ave. SE) Discussion and presentation of conceptual ideas for art project in Newport Hills/Lake Heights [http://www.bellevuewa.gov/arts\\_comm.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/arts_comm.htm)

**5/10 City Council** (6:00 extended study session, Council Conference Room) King County Agricultural Commission presentation, public hearing on extension of preliminary plat deadlines, Building and Fire Code updates, Washington Water/Wastewater Emergency Response Network [http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council\\_overview.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council_overview.htm)

**5/11 Human Services Commission** (6:30, 1E-120) Preliminary review of Goal #1 Human Services applications [http://www.bellevuewa.gov/human\\_serv\\_comm.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/human_serv_comm.htm)

**5/11 Parks & Community Services Board** (6:00, Council Conference Room) Agenda to be determined

[http://www.bellevuewa.gov/parks\\_board.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/parks_board.htm)

**5/12 Planning Commission** (6:30, Council Conference Room) Shoreline Master Program

[http://www.bellevuewa.gov/planning\\_commission.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/planning_commission.htm)

**5/12 Factoria Transfer Station Replacement Open House** (6-8:30, East Shore Unitarian Church, 12700 SE 32<sup>nd</sup> St.) See related article above.

**5/13 Transportation Commission** (6:30, Council Conference Room) I-90 Variable Speed Study; 2011-2017

Capital Investment Program (CIP) update process, red light camera

Update [http://www.bellevuewa.gov/trans\\_comm.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/trans_comm.htm)

**5/17 City Council** (6:00 study session, Council Conference Room) Washington State Department of Transportation presentation on SR 520 update, King County Regional Transit Task Force update (8:00 regular session, Council Chambers) Park Board recommendation on Meydenbauer Bay Master Plan, recognition of Matt Terry, first budget public hearing [http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council\\_overview.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council_overview.htm)

**5/18 Human Services Commission** (6:30, Council Conference Room) Preliminary review of Goal #2 Human Services applications [http://www.bellevuewa.gov/human\\_serv\\_comm.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/human_serv_comm.htm)

**5/24 City Council** (6:00 extended study session, Council Conference Room) 2011-2012 Budget, regional issues

[http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council\\_overview.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/council_overview.htm)

**5/25 Human Services Commission** (6:00, Council Conference Room) Preliminary review of Goal #3 and #4 Human Services Applications [http://www.bellevuewa.gov/human\\_serv\\_comm.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/human_serv_comm.htm)

**5/26 Planning Commission** (6:30, Council Conference Room) Comprehensive Plan Amendments (CPAs), Land Use Code Amendments (LUCAs) [http://www.bellevuewa.gov/planning\\_commission.htm](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/planning_commission.htm)

**5/27 Transportation Commission** (6:30, Council Conference Room) Agenda to be determined

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Bellevue's Neighborhood Outreach Office offers a variety of programs and partnerships for neighborhood leaders and active residents. To learn more about citizen involvement opportunities and programs to enhance neighborhoods, call 452-6836.